The Augusta Coin Club Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Sunrise Grill, 3830 Washington Rd. Martinez

# The Augusta Coin Club since 1959

**Pres. Shelby Plooster**
**1st V.P. Burles Johnson**
**2nd V.P. Tommy Rhoden**
**Sec. John T. Attaway**
**Treas. Stacey Plooster**
**Sgt. in Arms: Bryan Hoyt**

**Club Mailing Address**
Augusta Coin Club
P.O. Box 2084
Evans, GA 30809
**Web site:**
www.augustacoinclub.org

Special Duties
Webmaster: Robert Sanborn
Newsletter editor, Arno Safran
E-mail: arnosafran@comcast.net
Bourse Chairman, Steven Nix
Auction: Burles Johnson
Bids Recorder, Tommy Rhoden

**Volume 25, Number 11** **THE AUGUSTA COIN CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** **November 2025**

**Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, early arrivals from 6:00 PM**

## Club Meeting Calendar for 2025

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 16 | May 15 | Sep. 18 |
| Feb. 20 | June 19 | Oct. 16 |
| Mar. 20 | July 17 | **Nov. 20** |
| Apr. 17 | Aug. 21 | Dec. 18 |

## Collecting our Early U.S. Dimes

**An 1798/7 Draped Bust *disme*, JR-1, R3 graded XF-40 by NGC**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 500% to better view the coin.]**

Our earliest U.S. dismes were first struck in 1796 and again in 1797 with the small scrawny eagle on the reverse. The reported mintages for each were 23,135 and 25,261 respectively, the latter with either 16 stars; or 13 stars on the obverses; the 13 stars being the scarcer of the two. Both are unaffordable for most. In 1798, the majestic Heraldic eagle replaced it The 1878/7 Draped Bust disme had four die varieties with both the first, like the coin shown directly above being the second more common of the four but unfortunately the example shown is not very well struck.

According to the authors of "Early United states dimes" (1796-1837 published in 1985, the **1798/7** over-date dime is considered to be rather shallow and slightly rusted from poorly polished dies which is why the viewer will have difficulty observing its appearance.

**An 1800 Draped Bust *disme*, JR-2, R-5, graded VF-35 by NGC**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

The collector came a cross a strange photo of an 1800 dated Draped Bust *disme* that was not much better, having an eerie appearance due to the coin's very weak strike which during this period was not uncommon. The 1800 dime had a reported mintage of just 21,760. It also is a rare die variety and more valuable as a result and was certified VF-35. The author obtained both these scarce early U.S. dimes at major shows held at the beginning of the 21st century and they have considerably increased in value. The writer advises the readers to enlarge both coins shown to at least 200% to better observe them.

**An 1805 Draped Bust disme, JR-2, R2 graded AU-58 by NGC**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 150% to better view the coin.]**

With the 1805 Draped bust disme, we finally move to a more common dated coin and therefore more affordable as well as being a far more attractively struck example of our earlier U.S dime coinage. The writer acquired the piece some ten minutes after walking into the first F.U.N. show held in Orlando, Florida that he and his wife Vilma had ever attended. Prior to the show however, he was already aware of the coin's existence because he had seen it on his computer. He also knew the dealership quite well since he had purchased many fine early U.S. coins at reasonable prices at past at shows in his previous location.

**The 1805 dime** had a reported mintage of **120,780** pieces and was the first date of the Draped Bust dime series that was more affordable due to its much greater mintages and since the coin was certified AU-58, which back then had a tiny bit of wear that could only be observed by magnifying the coin to 500% the author considered the piece a "good buy!"

**An 1807 Draped Bust *disme* graded XF -45, JR-1, R2 by NGC**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

No dismes were struck in 1806 but in 1807, **165,000**, Draped Bust dismes were released by the Philadelphia Mint; another record that would last only last a few years. Despite being graded XF -45, the coin appears the sharpest to one's eye due to its stronger strike. This coin was acquired by the author away back in 1988 at another major coin show held in March 1988. Why is this coin denomination referred to as a *disme* and not dime? Numismatic historians believe that the coin was originally named after the French meaning of 1/10th of a dollar, so the coin was spelled with the so-called French fraction. The author learned early that in order to acquire better date or scarcer U.S. coins one had to attend major shows, not just club shows., All these early Draped Bust dismes are scarce and worth substantially more than what the author paid a quarter of a century ago.

(Continued on page 2, column 1)

## Collecting our Early U.S. Dimes

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

**An 1809 Capped Bust Dime, JR-1, R4 graded VF-30 by PCGS**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

No ***Draped Bust*** silver coinage was created by Chief Engraver Robert Scot after 1807 and by then, Asst. Chief Engraver, John Reich had replaced Scot with his ***Capped Bust*** design type on the obverse of all our coinage. Reich's first assignments were replacing the Half-dollar and $5.00 gold Half-eagle which he accomplished in the second half of 1807. He didn't get around to replacing the dime denomination until 1809 however when only 51,065 were produced with his new Capped Bust obverse and Spread eagle reverse design as shown above. Actually out of the 51,065 pieces, 6,365 of those actually being struck in 1810 although no dimes were dated 1810.

Since the numbers of 1809 dimes that were struck were far below Scot's 165,000 coined two years earlier in 1807, the 1809 dated dime is far scarcer and therefore more expensive to acquire. The writer was fortunate to have acquired the example shown at a major coin show held in New York City back in March of 1988 when it cost only $350 back then. Recent auctions of the date in the same VF-30 grade are into the $2,500s for a specimen in the same grade today with a current retail figure listed as high as $3,500 by PCGS' COINFACTS.

**An 1811/9 Capped Bust dime, JR-1, R3 graded VF-25 by PCGS**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

Only one die variety was struck with the 1811 dated dime and this collector was fortunate to come across the example shown directly above. When he lived in New Jersey, he belonged to four different coin clubs which had 23 clubs at the time. During that period, some of the local coin clubs had a few dealers set up in their monthly meetings where members could add to their coin collections. One of the major ones in the state was the **Ocean County Coin Club** which was close to where he and his wife Vilma were living. Being a historian herself and a high school history teacher, she occasionally accompanied her husband at some of the monthly meetings. It was at one such meeting back in early **December, 1988** that the writer acquired the **1811/9 Capped Bust dime** shown directly above. The coin had a mintage of only **65,180** which was only **14,115** more than the **1809 dime** and it circulated, so the **1811/9** dime is more difficult to obtain in grades above **VF-25**; the grade show above. The dealer charged him only **$150** back then since he was planning to move down to Florida. A most recent example of the 18011/9 dime in the same grade sold for **$1,560** at a **Stacks-Bowers auction** held in **April 2025**. At the time of purchase, he never knew of its potential rarity.

**An 11 over 09 Over-date! Enlarge page to 200% for a clearer view!**

**A pair of 1814 Capped Bust dimes**
**With the small date, JR-1, R3 at left certified VF -30**
**And the large date at right, JR-4, R2 at right certified XF-45**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

**In 1814**, **The Philadelphia mint struck a whopping 421,500 dimes** with five die varieties. Of the five produced that year, only the fist one had a small date while the other four had the large date. The two coins shown side by side above displays the author's small date Variety #1 at left and the large date Variety # 3 an the right. If one enlarges the page to 150%, the large date variety appears much clearer and more attractive of the pair. Both coins were acquired at different coin shops in the late 1990s; the small date version at **Stack's on 57th street in Manhattan, NYC in 1895 and the large date at a NJ Coin and Jewelry shop in Hazlet, NJ in 1989**. **Neither 1814 coins are considered scarce however**, and even today their value **has increased due more to inflation than scarcity.**

**An 1820 JR-4, R5 Capped Bust dime certified XF-40 by NGC**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

After 1814, no dimes were struck until 1820, presumably due to the still smaller population, but by from 1820 on, the Mint continued to strike dimes in every year except 1826. In 1820, the Philadelphia Mint produced 942,587 Capped Bust dimes which included 13 die varieties with the fourth variety shown directly above, so the date is fairly common and the coin should be affordable today up thru XF-40. It cost the writer just **$80** in Jan. 1989. Recently, the collector looked up the current value of the fourth variety on PCGS COINFACTS and was surprised that in 2025 its retail value has increased to **$900** with an auction-realized example back in 2014 in the same grade as the coin shown directly above cost the winning bidder **$1,058**.

**1821 JR-1 R2 Large date graded VF -20 (at left) and a**
**JR-10 R3, small date graded VF-30 Capped Bust dimes**

With a mintage of 1,186,512, both these coins are considered common dates and inexpensive to acquire. (Continued on page3, column 1)

## Collecting our Early U.S. Dimes

(Continued from page 2, column 2)

**An 1822 Capped Bust dime, JR-1, R5 certified XF-40**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

The 1822 Capped Bust dime is the key date of the series for this dime type which was produced from 1809 thru 1837. The coin had only one die variety with a reported mintage of just 100,000 and it apparently circulated heavily because they are very scarce today and extremely expensive.

The author acquired the 1822 Capped Bust dime back on September 1989 while attending the Greater Eastern Numismatic Association (GENA) show which was located at a hotel just north of Philadelphia, PA but on the Jersey side of the Delaware River. He knew the coin would cost plenty even back then but according to PCGS' COINFACTS, it is currently worth eight times what he paid for it in the same XF-40 grade shone above. Enlarged to only 150%, it appears very attractive; to 200%, even more so!

Virtually every early United States coin type has one or two major rarities; the 1799 and 1804 Draped bust Large cents for instance or the 1815/2 Capped Bust Lettered Edge half-dollar or the 1901-S Barber Liberty Head quarter etc. but the 1922 Capped Bust dime is seldom described in s such a manner despite being a major rarity.

### The Big 3 Trio of the Capped Bust dimes of 1823

**The three Capped Bust dime overdates of 1823/2**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coins.]**

The reported mintage for the 1823 Capped Bust dimes was 440,000, so the coin is not scarce, but not all that common either. According to the authors of the book on ***Early U.S. Dimes (1796-1837)***, only three known die varieties were struck in 1823 and all were over dated **1823/2**. As for each coin's availability; the Variety 1 shone at the left is listed as an **R-3**, the second variety shown in the center as an **R-5** and the third variety shone on the far right as an **R-2**, the most common of the three. When the three die varieties on this page are enlarged to 150%, grades of all three are all shone clearly with the centerpiece coin the scarcest appearing the most worn and weakest to the eye. To view the actual over-dates on all three examples, the reader must enlarge the page to 500%.

The collector acquired the three 1823 dimes set at three different times and different sellers; the JR-1 at the **9/24/1988 GENA show**; the JR-3 in Sept. 1991 at a dealer's shop in Red Bank, NJ and the rare JR-2 specimen at **the ANA Convention** held in August, 2004. The writer suggests attending major shows from time to time.

**An 1824/2 Capped Bust dime, JR-1, R3 graded AU-58 by PCGS**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coin.]**

The 1824/2 Capped Bust dime had a reported mintage of 510,000 and the coin circulated fairly heavily, so it is somewhat scarce and costly today especially when certified as high as AU-58 like the piece shown above. During the early years of our republic, an over dated date heading on our coins such as 1824/2 was not uncommon. Most over-dated coins were over-dated by one year such as the **1798/7** Draped Bust disme on page 1, column 1 and the **1823/2** Cap Bust dimes shown on the lower portion of column one on this page but starting with 1825, no Capped Bust dimes were over-dated from then on.

The 1824/2 dime only had two varieties with the second variety discovered many years later and is extremely rare today.

**Detail of the 1 in the date and the 4 over the 2**
**In the over-date**

**Numismatic scholar, Ron Guth expresses the following when it comes to identifying the 1824/2 dime.**

"All 1824 Dimes are over-dated from old, unused 1822 dies. Mint employees utilized one obverse die and two different reverse dies to strike all of the 1824 Dimes. On the more common JR-1 reverse, the 1 of 10C has a flat top and a missing serif at bottom right. The more rare JR-2 variety has curved top and perfect serifs on the 1"

***(Courtesy of PCGS's COINFACTS)***

**An 1825 Capped Bust dime graded AU-53 by PCGS**
**[Enlarge the page to fill monitor screen or 200% to better view the coins.]**

The author's acquisition of the beautiful 1825 dime shown directly above goes all the way back to his adolescent years when as a 15 year old resident of the borough of Queens, NY he first took a bus on Union Turnpike, got off and switched to the F-subway which took him to downtown Manhattan in the center of New York City. There he entered Gimbals Department store on 32nd street, (which no longer exists), took the escalator up to the second floor where the coin department existed and came across this gem of a dime. It was graded only XF-45 back then and cost him $4.50. Years later, he sent it into PCGS for its official up to date grading and it came back as an AU-53 which retails for over $1,000 today. This specimen is well struck and has lots of eye appeal.

Today, a dime cannot buy anything. Back in 1825 however, a dime had the purchasing power of $3.27.

**AUGUSTA COIN CLUB, INC.**
**MINUTES OF MEETING**
**October 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Grill by President, Shelby Plooster.

We had 38 members present and 2 guests present that became members.

**The Secretary's Report:**

The September 18, 2025 minutes were not read. A copy is kept on file.

**The Treasurer's Report:.**

The treasurer's Report was sent by email from Stacey Plooster. We have deposited $18,344.07 in the club's checking account.

**The Prize Winners:**

The winner of the 50/50 for $75 was Glen Leaphart. David Chism and Russell Belt each won a 1 oz Silver Eagle

**Our Upcoming Fall Coin Show**

Our annual fall shop will be held the day after our November Coin Club meeting starting at 9 AM on Nov. 21 (Friday) and Nov 22nd Saturday) 2025. Steve Nix - Bourse Chairman. The hours are 9 to 5 on Friday and 9 to 3:00 PM in the afternoon on Saturday. The Show will be held at the Columbia County Exhibition Center located at the Grovetown Walmart at exit 190. The dealers can set up Thursday night from 4 pm to 8 pm.. Mr. Sammy Lucky will provide our postcards that we will be mailed. Thank you, Mr. Lucky.

We need more members to help out. Please sign up to help manage the front desk.

**Show and Tells:**

Burles Johnson displayed two gold Sacagawea 2025 coins graded Proof 70 to Ultra Cameo with a low mintage of 7500. The model Rannyl Hedow Teton hand signed only 50 of which was the one passed around at our club meeting. It is considered a very rare coin.

Arno Safran displayed a 1997-West Point 50th anniversary Jackie Robinson $5 gold coin and card set. He explained how as a lad living in the borough of Queens, his older cousin, Ralph and his younger brother, Len used to take him to see of the Brooklyn Dodgers ball games when Jackie Robinson played for the Dodgers.

Everitt Price displayed a 2025 Silver Eagle Privy NGS 70 signed by Ron Harrigaland.

A 1909 and 1909-S VBD Lincoln cent were also displayed.

**The Program:**

Gene Belair gave his second program to the members of the Augusta Coin Club. Being an avid collector of Canadian coinage, Gene displayed some scarce to rare type coins of Newfound and Labrador provinces of Canada. Newfoundland issued decimal coinage from 1865 through 1947. The main coins were the five cent silver issues and the first Newfoundland trader's tokens were half-penny issued by two brothers, Robert and I.S. Rutherford from 1840-41.

Newfoundland was the only British North American colony to have its own gold coin. The 1949 Silver Dollar displayed a ship on the reverse commemorating the admission of Newfoundland as a Canadian province. Newfoundland was a member of the British Empire until 1949 when it joined the Canadian federation as the 10th province. In 2001 it officially became known as "Newfoundland and Labrador". Gene presented photos of a 20-piece Type set from his collection, and all the coins were present in the room for viewing by our club members.

President Shelby Plooster presented Gene with a Certificate of Appreciation for his fine program.

Old Business:

Perfect attendance has been suspended. Books from Leaphart Coins will be available for a cost of $12. Program givers will be awarded two Silver Eagles instead of a 1/10 oz. gold coin. Members, please pay your dues. This was the outcome of our Board of Directors Meeting on February 18; 2025.Rent to use the Sunrise Grill was raised from 50 dollars a meeting to 200 dollars a meeting. Shelby stated you must be a paid member to win a door prize. David Chism reported his brother, club member James Chism had passed away.

**Recent Upcoming Coin Shows:**

| | |
|---|---|
| SCNA Coin Show<br>Greenville, Sc | October 23-25, 2025 |
| Atlanta Monthly Show<br>Marietta, Ga | November 2, 2025 |
| Midlands Coin Show<br>Columbia, Sc | November 7-8, 2025 |
| Augusta Coin Show<br>Grovetown, Ga | November 21-22, 2025 |

**Our Club's Monthly Coin Auction**:

Burles Johnson ran the auction (10 lots). Everette Price delivered the goods and Tommy Rhoden recorded the bids

*Respectively Submitted,*
*John Thomas Attaway*

## Early Latin American Coins used by Americans in the Pre US. Coinage era and beyond

**A Classical set of mid-1770s Latin American coins displaying the Half-Real, Real, the 2 *Reales* (or 'Two bits"), the 4 *Reales* and 8 *Reales***

During the 1990's this coin collector discovered that there were a lot of Latin American silver coinage that were legal tender in the early years of our republic that were used since silver was very scarce on the United States shores during the late 18th and early 19th centuries the newly U.S. government depended on Mexico, Guatemala and South American countries such as Peru and Chile--to name just a few--allowing us to use there silver coinage in commerce.

He also discovered that in the numismatic market during the 1980s and '90s, Latin American coins from a s far back as the mid 1770's thru the early 19th century were far less expensive than the early U.S. coinage produced from 1793 thru 1825, and so, he acquired a text called ***The Standard Catalogue of Spain, Portugal, and the New World***; an inexpensive large size Paper-Back and learned a great deal about not only their coinage and their current values as well but the culture of these nations as well.. He soon discovered that some of these coins were magnificent.

The coins shown above **are grouped as a denominational set** using Spanish named dates to complete the five denominations from t he lowest to the highest. T1st at left is the tiny half-*real* worth 6¼ U.S. cents, the 2nd , a *Real* worth 12½ cents, the third, the dos Reales, the quarter or two-bits, the fourth, the *4 Reales*, usually having the lowest mintage, half-dollar and finally, the *8 Reales* or *Peso* equal to $1.00

## Kindly patronize our Advertisers

Since 1941
Clein's Rare Coins
3830 Washington Rd., Ste. 32 Martinez, GA 30907
Buying & Selling U.S. Coins, Currency & Confederate
- ALL GOLD & SILVER BULLION -
(Eagles, K-Rands, Maple Leafs & Pandas)
COIN APPRAISALS
ANA LIFE MEMBER
STEVE DAMRON
Ph: (706) 755-2249
Fax: (706) 755-2461
Tue-Fri 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Sat. 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Respectful, Friendly & Courteous Service
Augusta Coin Exchange
JOHN M. RUSINKO
Mon - Fri | 11AM - 4PM
Sat | 11AM - 4PM
706.210.5486 | 702.845.1934
JR.Rusinko@yahoo.com
SeniorCoins1792@gmail.com
Member : ANA-R147538, CAC, PCGS, NGC & ICTA
Dealer LIC # 40829
Buying and Selling
4015 Washington Rd, STE - L
Martinez, GA 30907

Atlantic Coin & Currency
PCGS & NGC Authorized Dealer
246 Bobby Jones Expressway Suite D
Martinez, GA 30907
coolhandcoins@comcast.net
Phone (762) 333-8946
Mobile (706) 339-7275
Larry Lucree

Fleetwood Coins
NOW OPEN @ 117 WEST SIXTH STREET
WAYNESBORO, GEORGIA 30830
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY---10AM TO 5PM
BUYING AND SELLING US COINS AND BULLION
WILL BUY SINGLE COINS OR COIN COLLECTIONS
WWW.FLEETWOODCOINS.COM
FACEBOOK.COM/FLEETWOODCOINS
PHONE---706-551-5115

ANACS
AMERICA'S OLDEST GRADING SERVICE™
www.anacs.com
RUSTY CUMBERLEDGE
Southeast Regional Representative
Phone 800-888-1861
customerservice@anacs.com
P.O. Box 6000
Englewood, Colorado 80155